

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

Statement of Regulatory Priorities

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) administers services and benefit programs that recognize the important public obligations to those who served this Nation. VA's regulatory responsibility is almost solely confined to carrying out mandates of the laws enacted by Congress relating to programs for veterans and their families. VA's major regulatory objective is to implement these laws with fairness, justice, and efficiency.

Most of the regulations issued by VA involve at least one of three VA components: The Veterans Benefits Administration, the Veterans Health Administration, and the National Cemetery Administration. The primary mission of the Veterans Benefits Administration is to provide high-quality and timely nonmedical benefits to eligible veterans and their dependents. The primary mission of the Veterans Health Administration is to provide high-quality health care on a timely basis to eligible veterans through its system of medical centers, nursing homes, domiciliaries, and outpatient medical and dental facilities. The primary mission of the National Cemetery Administration is to bury eligible veterans, members of the Reserve components, and their dependents in VA National Cemeteries and to maintain those cemeteries as national shrines in perpetuity as a final tribute of a grateful Nation to commemorate their service and sacrifice to our Nation.

VA's regulatory priority plan consists of two high priority regulations:

1) RIN 2900-AQ48 Proposed Rule – Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Amendments (PCAFC) Under the VA MISSION Act of 2018.

This regulation proposes to implement section 161 of the VA MISSION Act of 2018, which requires expanding eligibility for PCAFC, establishing new benefits for primary family caregivers, and make other changes to PCAFC. This regulation will ensure these mandates will be made to ensure successful implementation of section 161 of the VA MISSION Act of 2018.

2) RIN 2900-AQ56 Proposed Rule – Center for Innovation for Care and Payment.

This regulation amends section 152 of the VA MISSION Act of 2018, which established the Center for Innovation for Care and Payment, whose purpose is to develop innovative

approaches to testing payment and service delivery models to reduce expenditures while preserving or enhancing the quality of care furnished by VA. These changes would be made to ensure successful implementation of section 152 of the VA MISSION Act of 2018.